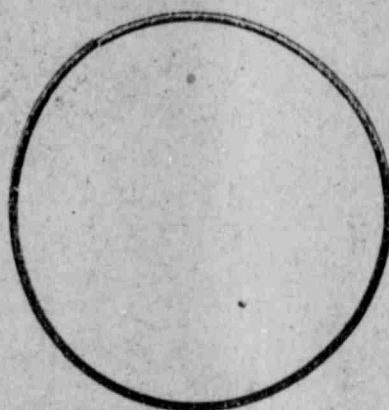
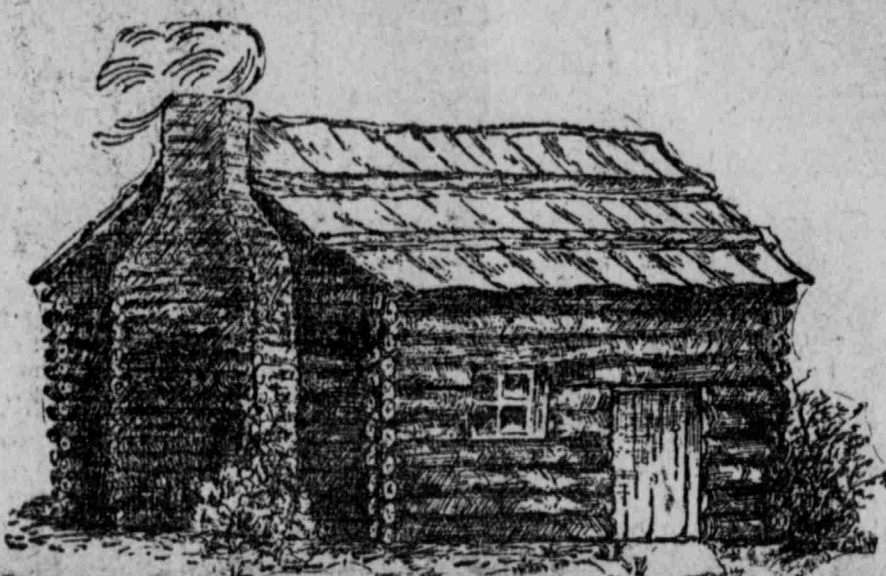


# BEFORE AND AFTER VOTING THE CIVIL LIBERTY TICKET



REPUBLICAN EMBLEM AND CIRCLE BEFORE BEING STAMPED



REPUBLICAN EMBLEM AND CIRCLE PROPERLY STAMPED FOR  
A REPUBLICAN VOTE.

The new election law requires voters to stamp inside a circle under the emblem of the ticket they desire to vote. The above circle under the Log Cabin emblem is properly stamped for the Republican National, State, District and local tickets.

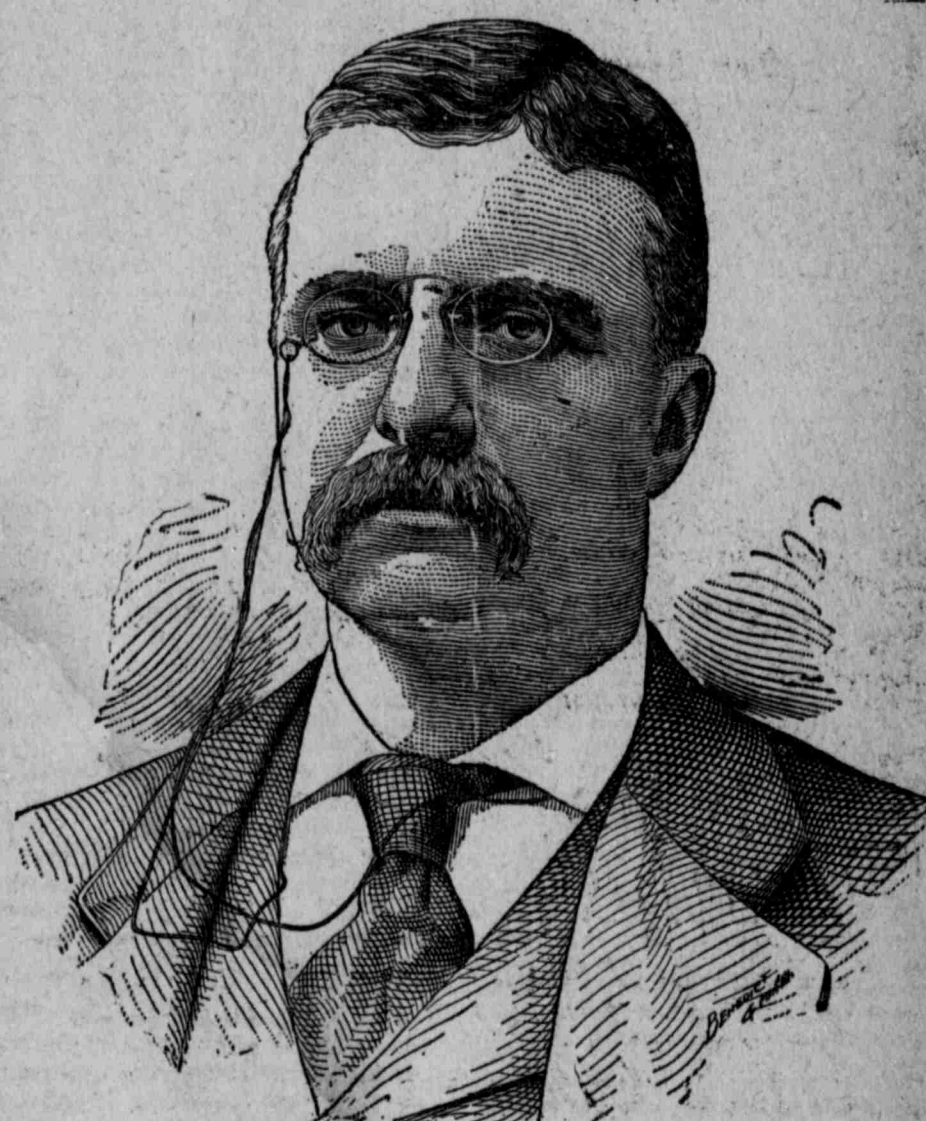
you, outraged all parliamentary precedent, and over the protest of the Republican members of that body, laid that bill on the table and absolutely refused to consider it, although Democrats just body wished to do so, but the machine gang, so predominated as to awe a majority into doing something for which many are ashamed.

"While they acceded to the Senate such discourtesy, we, without objection, took up for consideration House bill 18, and proceeded to amend it in the hope of patching it up to make for one people a fair law and secure to each its liberty. After we had adopted various amendments to it, some of which were introduced by you, one of your own side, a Democrat, as he said at the instance of the Democratic leaders of the Senate, proposed as a substitute for said House bill the old election law in vogue prior to the enactment of the present infamous statute. This law you and the Democratic speakers of the State from one end of it to the other denounced were dishonest, and would not appoint the officers you desired, or who were honest. To meet this objection we proposed amendments making it apply to the next election and requiring the County Judges to appoint election officers from lists furnished by the committees of the two political parties and requiring the alternation of the sheriffs of election precincts. Yet you say you are for fairness, and when these amendments were adopted, making that law perfectly fair, you voted against it, with one exception. The fair Democrats whom you denounce voted for it; the thirteen Republicans and the single Populist of the Senate voted for it and passed it.

"ed between the two Houses on House Bill 18, it was the province of this body to name a committee on its part to represent its views in that conference, and we had arranged to so name said committee, but on your representation and upon the representation and solicitation of the presiding officers of both Houses, and with a direct promise from you and your side that you would make an earnest effort to agree and would treat us fairly, we again, trusting your sincerity, changed our purpose and for the hope of accomplishing something, yielded to your overtures, and to give you the chance to claim the name and honor of the agreement, we allowed the appointment of the backed Committee on Suffrage and Elections, but, sir, when we met in the chamber for the purpose of a conference, your political friends retired to the cloak room to hold a caucus, and when you returned, notwithstanding your promise to try to reach an agreement, it seemed you had passed along the word to vote down all amendments, and to report House Bill 18 as passed the House. Yet you get on the floor and talk fairness when we have called you at every proposition of fairness and when you have wrongfully obtained an advantage you have discreditably used it.

"You twit us for leaving the conference committee, I say to you that you would have done likewise only you

"This bill, as amended, then was sent to the House and they utterly ignored the Senate again by refusing to consider the amendments offered by the Senate and reported the bill back that



**AND VICE-PRESIDENT.**

voted for you who were of the six Democratic members of the committee. As you had previously agreed in caucus you, by a strict party vote, refused to adopt a single one, and yet you claim such action a conference and such committee a conference committee. No man of sense would sit by and see the rights and privileges abused and refused, and common decency required that we walk out of the conference. We have heard of your report so shameless had been your actions that one of your own boasted eighteen Democrats refused to sign it with you, and still you have held up a true report for two days and should have reported two days ago the disagreement between the two Houses, and should have asked another committee of conference be appointed, instead of continually trying to adjourn the day in order to prevent any legislation whatever.

## REAL ASSASSIN.

## Democratic Paper Says Black- burn is Responsible For Goebel's Death.

Under the heading, "Democracy's Chances," the Paris Gazette, one of the most fearless and ably edited Democratic papers in the State, has this to say of Senator J. C. S. Blackburn:

The Gazette, being the only truly Democratic paper in Paris, wishes to say a few words about a cancer on the face of the Democratic party. That cancer is Jo Blackmore, who has done nothing but feed upon the party.

ACTED IN GOOD FAITH

"We were called here by a Democratic Governor, both Houses of the Legislature Democratic, with plain instructions from the Governor to pass so fair a law as no one could complain of, and have then an session fifty days at a cost to the people of \$60,000, and still you refuse to pass any very action. It has been a refusal to restore the enslaved people their politic and civil rights. How long will you continue to thus outrage an injured people? We are for any fair law. We will vote for any fair and just law. No difference from whom it comes; nay, we are willing to vote for less than a fair law. We are not playing politics. Some of our friends on the outside have suggested that the responsibility is on you, and your failure to pass a law would be a political advantage to us. We have scorned such advice, and acting under our oaths and according to the dictates of our own conscience, we have made every honorable effort, sacrifice and concession possible to get an election law that will restore a noble people of a great State to the rights guaranteed under the constitution, and purchased by the sacrifice of the blood of our forefathers, and yet you sit stubbornly by and refuse us.

## DEFENDS HIS PEOPLE

"I have sat here at my desk and cringed in my seat, and especially so when the Senator from Fayette and others have heaped personal abuse and foul slander unwarranted and uncalled for and untrue vituperation and insinuations upon the noble people whom I represent. They are second to none in Kentucky, not even in the aristocratic families of Lexington; but they can stand your slander, and so can its victims, and you some day will know. It does not hurt them, only in a financial way. Retards their development, stops the investment of capital and employment of labor in their section. The people of the mountains are as great as yours, and I was particularly gratified when the Senator from Madison, a Blue Grass man, so nobly defended them from the unwarranted attacks of the Senator from Fayette.

"We should pass a law, and do it quickly. We should stay here until the task is done, and, for me, I will vote to stay until you have accomplished the task you should have completed in three weeks. Give us a fair law, so that you may appease the wrath of an injured people, who will ever appreciate the efforts in their behalf of the splendid Senators from Jefferson, Louisville, Logan, Davies, Owsley, Nicholas and Caldwell, and the Republicans who have stood with them for justice and fairness, and when you have so done you will only have performed a plain and unquestioned duty."

"William Jennings Bryan," declared one of Missouri's Populist orators, will sweep the country in November just like the storm swept Galveston in November." "If he does," was the quick response of one of his hearers, "the country will be as badly off as Galveston was."

# Goebel Democrats Blocked Law For Honest Elections

Senator T. S. Kirk, of the Johnson county district, delivered a speech in the State Senate last Wednesday exposing the methods of the Goebel Democrats in the General Assembly in defeating every measure proposed in the interest of fair elections and reviewing the consistent efforts of the Republicans and conservative Democrats to secure a decent election law. Incidentally he defended the people of the mountains from the vicious assaults of Senator Allen, of Fayette county, and other radicals. Senator Kirk's speech is such a clear and comprehensive statement of the attitude and efforts of the friends of honest elections in the General Assembly that it is reprinted in full. The speech follows:

### SENATOR KIRK'S SPEECH.

"I am sure there is no one that regrets more than myself the turn affairs have taken in the Legislature regarding the enactment of an election law. It is unfortunate, indeed, that Senators on the floor of the Senate have injected into discussions politics and personal abuse in order that they might carry out their plans and schemes to defeat the passage of an election law. It has been the purpose of the members—of this side to sit by and take the abuse and undergo the vile vituperation heaped upon us by the other side, if we could only aid in the accomplishment of the ends so greatly desired by the citizenship of the State—the passage of an honest and fair law.

"There are men, Democrats, in each House who, believing as we do, that the interest of the State and welfare of our country require that we pass fair law and thereby restore to our citizenship the inherent right of self government; have worked with us and stood by their convictions and asserted the right to think and act for themselves regardless of the fetters of any political oligarchy. Because they have so acted some of you who are seeking personal and political perferment from the machines you wish to retain, have abused and denounced them in such manner as is calculated to drive many an honest man from your ranks. If you do not desire honest, intelligent, self-thinking and acting men in your ranks, then your abuse and force them from your ranks and organization, and such patriotic and capable men we will gladly accept and bid them welcome into the party upheld by the voice of the people.

"You charge that we have a Committee of Sulfage and Elections composed of five Republicans and six Democrats. I deny it. When we came here, under a call of a Democratic Governor, for the purpose of making an election law so fair that the people could not find fault with it, knowing that call was from Democratic source, and that the Democrats had a majority in both Houses, we waited your action. The result was that you sat here for eleven days without even making an attempt to pass a law or even provide for the appointment of a committee. Realizing there was something wrong, we then proposed the appointment, in the Senate, of a non-partisan election committee. Immediately thereafter we went away from you, and that the minority was trying to control things. To prevent the excuse that we were playing politics we withdrew our recommendations and suffered you to appoint six members of that committee, and we appointed five. You appointed six rank partisans, and we appointed two Rep-

publicans, two conservative Democrats and one Populist. We did this, believing that you were sincere in wanting a fair election law. We named the members of the committee as we did believing that all shades of politics should be represented, and that you would treat us fairly.

"The committee met, and on your own motion a sub-committee, composed of two rank Democrats and one Republican, was appointed to draft a bill and submit it to the full committee. They met and deliberated and agreed upon a bill. At the last moment, after somewhat of a delay in reporting, your members of the sub-committee changed their minds and repudiated the agreement, and presented such changes as to make the bill partisan, unfair and onerous to the minority members of the committee. I have the greatest respect for their personal good intentions, but lo! from the outside a mighty force was applied and political influences put in operation, and the chief advisers of your party got in their work, and from that moment your ideas have been more ex-posed, and your bill, and at last you have thrown off the mask of fairness, and openly show to the people that you want no law and prefer to keep them in bondage.

## MINORITY REPORT FAIR.

"The minority of the Election Committee adopted your report after you had changed and mutilated it from what was agreed upon, and we were then forced to make a minority report, which was signed by the two Republicans, two Democrats and Populist on the committee. We present such a fair bill with our report as we are willing to stand by it before any people and defy any one to show where it gives any party but the Democratic party an advantage. All the advantages that must necessarily arise to one party or another are given to the Democratic party. We are given the membership of the State Board, a majority of county boards and many other slight advantages so as to escape the charge of being partisan. We invested the people with the right of local government and attempted to guard their every right.

"When these measures came up in the Senate you gentlemen instituted a filibuster, and for five days blocked legislation and delayed the consideration of these measures for the purpose of waiting for the House to railroad the infamous House bill 18 through their body, so as to cram it down our throats. However, notwithstanding your delay tactics, we finally forced you to a consideration of that measure. Again so that you might have the name of being the author of the measure, we did insist on the adoption of our substitute, but took up your own measure and amended it so as to give the people their rights, which you tried to deny them, and after such amendments, which were proposed by some of you and members of this body who wanted the right, we passed the bill. ★

"The ideas embodied in that bill were not originally ours or that of any one individual, but we culled from the bills introduced by Democratic Senators and Representatives and took the best and fairest points from such bills and together, with our own and the valuable suggestions of the press, and above all the wishes of the people, made one of the fairest election laws ever presented in a legislative body of this State.

## OUTRAGES OF THE HOUSE.

"Notwithstanding all this the House of Representatives, when it finally reached them, by its merciless majority which acts in co-operation with